

Rosa, Nabor Oliveira da (1932–2020)

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Nabor Oliveira da Rosa, born in the city of Santo Antônio da Patrulha, Rio Grande do Sul, on July 12, 1932, served as a district pastor in the states of São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul. His parents, João Oliveira da Rosa and Etelvina Mendes da Rosa, had 11 other children.¹ Two of them, Manoel (1918-2009)² and Adriano (1935-2015),³ also became Seventh-day Adventist pastors, and his sister, Leonilda (1924-2012), was baptized in the first Adventist baptism in Rio Grande do Sul.⁴

His father was Catholic, and his mother was from an Adventist family. When he was young, his older siblings went to study at the Cruzeiro do Sul Adventist Academy (IACS) and converted to Adventism. One of them returned to their hometown to preach about the Adventist message, and began studying the Sabbath School lessons with Nabor, who was about eight years old at the time. This led the boy to decide to become a pastor. This decision deeply upset his father, who had already excluded Manoel from the family because of Adventism. His father insisted that he stay and take care of the family's assets, making it clear that he would not provide financial assistance for the boy's studies. However, his brother encouraged him to pursue his dream and assured him that he would cover expenses that Nabor couldn't pay for through work or colportage. This assistance, however, was never needed, as he was able to pay for his studies without help, through work and colportage ministry.⁵



Nabor Rosa

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Thus, he went to study at IACS, completing middle school in 1956.⁶ While still studying at IACS, he met his wife, a teacher named Nilce Klein da Rosa. The two married on February 16, 1959, and soon had three children: Rubens, Paulo, and Sérgio.⁷ After completing high school with a degree in accounting in 1959, also at IACS,⁸ he studied Theology at the Brazil Adventist College, graduating in 1963.⁹ Nabor was ordained to the ministry five years later, on January 8, 1968.¹⁰

His ministry began in São Paulo, where he served as an assistant in the Publishing Department for two years. He dedicated most of his pastoral service to local districts. He served in the city of São Paulo, in the Capão Redondo Church, in Franca and Carapicuíba, in the state of São Paulo, and in Santo Antônio da Patrulha, Cachoeira do Sul, and Porto Alegre, in Rio Grande do Sul. In 1976, he contributed to the realization of the Voice of Prophecy Congress, which took place between October 8 and 11 in the city of Rolante, Rio Grande do Sul!¹¹

In total, Nabor Oliveira da Rosa served as a pastor for 36 years. He retired in 1998 when he turned 65, and he then moved to Engenheiro Coelho, São Paulo, where he lived until his passing on August 8, 2020.¹²

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